



PARKS & RECREATION

Inclement Weather and Rainout Policy Athletic Fields

The purpose of this document is to inform the Collinsville Parks and Recreation Department (CPRD) athletic field users about the procedures brought upon by inclement weather and unsafe playing conditions.

An effective field maintenance program is essential to prevent personal injury and damage to playing surfaces. User groups are expected to accept and adhere to these policies and procedures. Permits will be cancelled when a participant's health and safety are threatened due to unsafe conditions, or potential damage to athletic fields. Field evaluations will be determined by Collinsville Parks and Recreation Department.

Rain/Inclement Weather Policy

Use of a field after heavy or extended rain will be prohibited. A cancellation due to unplayable conditions or unforeseen conflicts will have the potential to be rescheduled if allowable or renter will receive a full refund or refunded as credit that can be applied to another rental in the account. Leagues/games will be rescheduled through the organization's coordinator.

Lightning Policy

If lightning can be seen, all persons shall leave the field/facility and move to a safe area, such as car, pavilion, etc. and enter a mandatory 20-minute delay. If no lightning is seen for 20 minutes, play will resume. If lightning is seen anytime within the 20-minute delay, the countdown resets to 20 minutes.

This is required of all user groups at the Collinsville athletic facility

Heat Policy

Hot weather policy for cancellations, delays, and heat safety procedures for any outdoor facilities includes the following:

It is the discretion of any outside user groups to continue play, though we suggest following CPRD policy.

- **Heat Index of 95-99 degrees**
 - Optional break in play every 30 minutes
 - Break lasts up to 10 minutes
 - Watch and monitor participants and take any necessary action
- **Heat Index 100-105 degrees**
 - Mandatory water breaks every 30 minutes for up to 10 minutes
 - Game clock does NOT stop
 - Players must hydrate, remove protective gear, and attempt to find shade if available
 - Players in the Catcher position, may not catch for more than two consecutive innings
 - Watch and monitor participants and take any necessary action
- **Heat Index greater than 105 degrees**
 - Start of game is delayed; new start time to be decided upon by a representative of the Parks and Recreation Department
 - If the heat index has not changed, the game will be cancelled
 - All rules for the Heat Index of 100-105 degrees will be followed

Cold Weather Policy

Cold Weather cancellation policy for any outdoor facility includes wind chill or temperature **at or below 24 degrees** for *internal programs*.

It is the discretion of any outside user groups to continue play, though we suggest following CPRD policy.

Rainout Hotline Procedure:

- **Any cancellation or weather update will be put on the Rainout Hotline**
 - **DO NOT CONTACT the Parks and Recreation office directly for cancellation information**
- The CPRD Rainout Hotline **will be posted by 4pm** for typical weekday schedules
 - Any other daytime scheduled events will be determined **at the latest**, 2 hours before the event. *The user group representative will remain in contact with the Recreation Superintendent as needed.*
- If severe weather ensues during scheduled event, the decision will be made by the Site Supervisors or game umpires/officials.

User groups that fail to adhere to the listed procedures and policies will be subject to cancellation of existing reservations and loss of future use of fields. In the event athletic fields sustain damage due to inappropriate use, scheduled use of the field will be suspended until the field can be assessed and returned to playable conditions. Costs associated with related renovations will be the responsibility of the user group. Collinsville Parks and Recreation reserves the right to ban any user group from future use.

Rainout hotline #618-346-7529

(This is the Parks and Recreation Office Phone number)

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